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1. DURING A CALL BY NELSON SIEVERING, DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF
SCI, AND A MISSION OFFICER ON FERNAND SPAAK, DIRECTOR GENERAL
FOR ENERGY OF THE EC COMMISSION, WE AGAIN WENT OVER THE CONTENTS
OF REFTEL, WHICH WE HAD PREVIOUSLY PASSED TO SPAAK. PURSUANT
TO THE STATEMENTS IN PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 3 OF REFTEL THAT THE
U.S. WOULD BE PLEASED TO CONSIDER ANY COMMISSION SUGGESTIONS
FOR IMPROVED BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS ON ENERGY, WE ASKED SPAAK
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WHETHER HE HAD ANY COMMENT TO MAKE AT THIS TIME.

2. SPAAK RESPONDED THAT THE COMMISSION'S PRESENT THINKING IS THAT ENERGY WILL BE ON THE AGENDA OF THE CASEY-SOAMES CONSULTATIONS ON OCTOBER 30-31, AND THIS WOULD BE AN APPROPRIATE OCCASION FOR THE COMMISSION TO COMMENT ON THE THREE POINTS MADE BY UNDER SECRETARY CASEY DURING THE DISCUSSIONS WITH COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT SIMONET LAST SPRING. SPAAK RECALLED THAT CASEY HAD EMPHASIZED THREE AREAS WHICH HE CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE FOR US-EC COOPERATION: (A) THE PREVENTION OF OVERBIDDING FOR CRUDE PETROLEUM, (B) HOW TO MANAGE SHORTAGES DURING A PETROLEUM CRISIS, AND (C) ENERGY R&D.
3. SPAAK SAID THAT PREPARATIONS ARE UNDER WAY IN THE COMMISSION FOR A DISCUSSION OF THESE SUBJECTS DURING THE WASHINGTON CONSULTATIONS AND PARTICULARLY OF R&D. IN THIS RESPECT, THE COMMISSION WILL ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY R&D PROGRAMS IN THE ENERGY FIELD IN WHICH THE U.S. AND THE EC HAVE PARALLEL INTERESTS AND IN WHICH EACH COULD MAKE A CONTRIBUTION IN A COOPERATIVE PROGRAM. WHILE THE DISCUSSION ON THIS AT THE CASEY-SOAMES CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE GENERAL, THE COMMISSION WOULD PROBABLY PROPOSE A FUTURE DATE FOR A SUBSEQUENT MEETING OF ENERGY R&D EXPERTS TO DEAL WITH THE MATTER IN MORE DETAIL.
4. DURING AN EARLIER CALL ON HANS GLAESNER, CHEF DE CABINET OF EC COMMISSION MEMBER DAHRENDORF, IT WAS TENTATIVELY AGREED THAT FEBRUARY 1974 WOULD PROBABLY BE A GOOD DATE FOR ANY SUCH BILATERAL MEETING OF ENERGY R&D EXPERTS. WHEN SIEVERING MENTIONED THIS POSSIBLE DATE TO SPAAK, THE LATTER AGREED THAT THIS WOULD PROBABLY BE A SUITABLE TIME FRAME.
5. COMMENT: WE WILL FOLLOW UP THIS DISCUSSION WITH SOAMES'S OFFICE AS WE PREPARE FOR THE CONSULTATIONS LATER THIS MONTH. IT IS EVIDENT THERE NEEDS TO BE FURTHER COORDINATION WITHIN THE COMMISSION ON THIS SUBJECT, ESPECIALLY BETWEEN THE DIRECTORATES GENERAL FOR ENERGY, RESEARCH, AND EXTERNAL RELATIONS. HARTMAN

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